

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	10 June 2002
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Untitled
Other Known Titles:	Infant Soup
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Applicable
Language:	Not Applicable

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable,

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

This untitled computer printout known as *Infant Soup* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is due to the manner in which the publication deals with matters of horror.

The computer printout consists of a coloured photograph on a white A4-sized sheet of paper. The photograph is one of a series of nine which together depict the preparation of a human foetus for consumption.

A letter accompanying submission of the publications indicate that they have been distributed via unsolicited email. The original purpose of the images is unclear, and is largely irrelevant in terms of the classification of these computer printouts. There is no apparent legitimate purpose for the reproduction and distribution of the publications, which are most likely intended to shock and entertain by virtue of the horrific nature of their content.

This classification places a restriction on the freedom of expression outlined in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act). However the manner in which the publication deals with matters of horror is such that its availability is likely to result in injury to the public good. As such, a classification of objectionable is considered to be the minimum interference with freedom of expression consistent with preventing this likely injury, and can thus be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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